

REMARKS

1. Claims Rejections – Insufficient Antecedent Basis

Claim 28 is objected to due to a lack of antecedent basis for “the data collector.” In fact, “the data collector” does not appear in claim 28, but rather appears in claim 32 which depends from claim 28. Applicant’s amendment to claim 28 adds “a data collector,” resolving the antecedent basis problem.

2. Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e) – Claims 1-41

Claims 1-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Fernandez et al. (hereinafter “Fernandez”) (U.S. Patent No. 6,604,100). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in order to provide clarification, claim 28 has been amended to include the data collector recited in claim 1. Claims 1, 28 are independent claims. Claims 2-27 and 29-40 depend from independent claims 1 and 28 respectively. For brevity, only the bases for the rejection of the independent claims are traversed in detail on the understanding that dependent claims are also patentably distinct over the cited references as they depend directly from their respective independent claims. Nevertheless, the dependent claims include additional features that, in combination with those of the independent claims, provide further, separate, and independent bases for patentability.

The Examiner has stated that Fernandez anticipates claims 1 and 28. However, Fernandez does not teach or suggest all elements of either claim 1 or claim 28, as amended. Specifically Fernandez does not teach the claimed element of a web-based data collector for collecting data from a web-enabled data server and converting the data from a markup language format to a structured data storage format.

Notably, the system described by the Fernandez reference converts relational data into a structured document, which distinctly teaches away from a system that converts collecting data from a web-enabled data server to convert from a markup language format to a structured format. Moreover, Fernandez does not have a data collector that determines the web-enabled data server to collect data from by referencing data source identifying information.

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Thus, the Fernandez reference does not teach all elements of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 1-41 has been overcome.

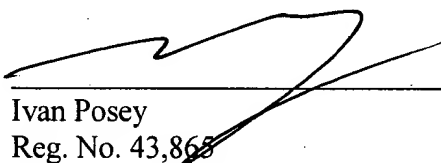
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CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing discussions, it is clear that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited reference are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited reference. Therefore, consideration and allowance of claims 1-41 is believed to be in order, and an early Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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